
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MAY 20, 2013

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Urges the Office of the Governor to continue working with the Legislature to consider the potential impact of listing the greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species and to develop strategies to preclude the listing. (BDR R-207)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Office of the Governor to continue working with the Legislature to consider the potential impact of listing the greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species and to develop strategies to preclude the listing.

1 WHEREAS, The greater sage grouse (*Centrocercus*
2 *urophasianus*) is a species of bird that inhabits much of the
3 sagebrush habitat in Nevada as well as other western states; and
4 WHEREAS, Although the United States Fish and Wildlife
5 Service has determined that the greater sage grouse is warranted for
6 listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species
7 Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq., listing the species is
8 currently precluded by the need to take action on other species, and
9 a proposed rule or change in determination as to listing the species
10 must be made by the end of federal fiscal year 2015; and
11 WHEREAS, Through the enactment of Senate Concurrent
12 Resolution No. 15, File Number 48, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at
13 page 3022, the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada
14 Legislature found that the listing of the greater sage grouse as an
15 endangered or threatened species would have a devastatingly



1 negative impact on Nevada's land development, land use, water use,
2 mining, recreational activities and local economies; and

3 WHEREAS, Through the enactment of Assembly Concurrent
4 Resolution No. 3, File Number 25, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page
5 3833, the members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature
6 urged persons involved in activities to improve the population of the
7 greater sage grouse and to prevent the greater sage grouse from
8 being listed as an endangered or threatened species to engage in
9 those activities in a proactive manner to ensure the protection and
10 restoration of the population and habitat of the greater sage grouse;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Through the execution of Executive Order 2012-09,
13 the Governor established the Governor's Greater Sage-grouse
14 Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on policies and
15 actions for developing a statewide strategy to preclude the need to
16 list the greater sage grouse as endangered or threatened under the
17 Endangered Species Act, and authorized the Advisory Committee to
18 consult with members of the Nevada Legislature in developing its
19 recommendations; and

20 WHEREAS, In accordance with Executive Order 2012-09, the
21 Governor's Greater Sage-grouse Advisory Committee issued its
22 report, "Strategic Plan for Conservation of Greater Sage-Grouse in
23 Nevada," on July 31, 2012, and concluded its activities; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
26 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of the
27 Nevada Legislature urge the Office of the Governor to continue the
28 Legislature's involvement in:

29 1. Analyzing the potential economic impact of listing the
30 greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species under the
31 Endangered Species Act; and

32 2. Developing and implementing strategies to preclude the
33 listing of the greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened
34 species under the Endangered Species Act; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
36 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
38 passage.

